

Red Alert™

Callistemon viminalis 'KPS38' (L)

NATIVE SHRUBS & GROUND COVERS

A unique Australian Bottlebrush hedge with vivid new red growth.

- A compact, low maintenance and more drought tolerant alternative to exotic Photinia.
- Needs less pruning to establish a hedge.
- Very drought and frost tolerant with similar periods of red new growth when compared to Photinia. Red Alert™ *Callistemon* thrives in windy situations.
- Can be pruned regularly to a tight hedge or left unpruned as a specimen shrub. More regular pruning will result in a tidier, denser hedge.
- It suffered very minor tip burn over the 2 year growing trials in Canberra.

Description	Red new growth foliage; compact form
Density	1-2 plants per m ² 1-2 per linear metre
Height & Width	2-2.4m x 1.5-2m unpruned; 60cm-2m x 50cm-1.5m pruned
Flowering	Rarely, if ever flowers
Best Planting Time	March–October
Uses	Hedge, specimen shrub
Position	Full sun to part shade Tolerates drought & frost
Soil Type	Most soil types
Care	Water as required for 8–13 weeks until established; prune to shape 1–3 times a year after red new growth foliage for a tidy hedge
Where it Works	QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS, SA & WA



*Based on Myrtle Rust resistance trials (see research at www.ozbreed.com.au).